

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5843–S5882

Measures Introduced: Fifty-eight bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4681–4738, and S. Res. 715–725. **Pages S5863–65**

Measures Reported:

S. 4462, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–269)

S. 2912, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community. (S. Rept. No. 116–270)

S. 3948, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. (S. Rept. No. 116–271) **Page S5863**

Measures Passed:

Pledge of Allegiance: Senate agreed to S. Res. 715, expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance. **Pages S5846–47**

U.S. SAFE WEB Act Extension: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5851–52**

Peaceful Transfer of Power: Senate agreed to S. Res. 718, reaffirming the Senate's commitment to the orderly and peaceful transfer of power called for in the Constitution of the United States. **Pages S5855–58**

National Voter Registration Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 719, recognizing September 22, 2020, as "National Voter Registration Day". **Page S5881**

National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 720, designating October 8, 2020, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day". **Page S5881**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 721, designating the week beginning October 18, 2020, as "National Character Counts Week". **Page S5881**

National Forensic Science Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 722, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week. **Page S5881**

Campus Fire Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 723, designating September 2020 as "Campus Fire Safety Month". **Page S5881**

Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act: Senate passed H.R. 1812, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals. **Page S5881**

Veterans' Care Quality Transparency Act: Senate passed H.R. 2372, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of all memoranda of understanding and memoranda of agreement between Under Secretary of Health and non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities relating to suicide prevention and mental health services. **Page S5881**

READI Act: Senate passed S. 2693, to improve oversight by the Federal Communications Commission of the wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5881–82**

McConnell (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2669, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5881**

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6168, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2020, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5882**

Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations Act and Other Extensions Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 8337, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5850–55**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2663, to change the enactment date. **Page S5854**

McConnell Amendment No. 2664, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5854**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 24, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. **Pages S5854–55**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5850**

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 195), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5850–54**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that with respect to the cloture motion filed on Thursday, September 24, 2020, the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments be 4 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2020; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motion filed on Thursday, September 24, 2020, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. **Page S5852**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 194), Roderrick C. Young, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S5844–50**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

Measures Referred: **Pages S5862–63**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S5882**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5879–80**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S5880–81**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—195) **Pages S5849–50, S5854**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:22 p.m., until 2:45 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5882.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

QUARTERLY CARES ACT REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FIRSTNET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine an evaluation of FirstNet's progress, after receiving testimony from Edward Parkinson, Executive Director, First Responder Network Authority, Department of Commerce; Karima Holmes, Office of Unified Communications, Washington, D.C.; Jason Porter, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; and Captain Tony Harrison, Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Rapid City, South Dakota.

U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in a changing Middle East, after receiving testimony from David Hale, Under Secretary, and Elliott Abrams, Special Representative, both of the Department of State.

THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine threats to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Christopher Miller, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and